

"The Democracy of New Jersey," Trenton Emporium & True American, 15 September 1832.

The Bank Republicans—alias National Republicans—alias Federal Republicans, affect to sneer at the Democracy of New Jersey—rallying as it is, in united phalanx, round the administration of a veteran Democrat of '98, and a patriot of '76; and pointing to a few individuals who, abandoning names for principles, have united with the people in sustaining the administration of the people's choice, ask—is this Democracy—are these Democrats? Pray what constitutes a Democrat? Well, admit that Democracy consists in names instead of principles, and where is Democracy? Maine was a Democratic state—it is an administration state—New Hampshire was also a Democratic state—and New Hampshire is also an administration state, so of New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and generally the south and west. Massachusetts, Rhode-Island, Connecticut and little Delaware were always the hot beds of Federalism—and are still the hot beds of Bank Republicanism. But look at home—in New Jersey, where are the old Democratic counties of Morris, Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon, and Monmouth? They are with the administration. Where are the countries of Burlington and Cape May, the most decided of the federalist counties? they are claimed by the Bank Republican party. . . . And yet for a moment look at principle. What party in former times made opposition to the United States Bank a party landmark? The Democratic party. What party still opposes the Bank? the administration party. Who constituted the Bank party of former times?—the federalists. Who now constitutes the Bank party? The Bank Republicans. Thus, whether you look to men, or usages or principles—the old party landmarks are as visible and palpable in every line, and aspect, and feature as ever. Let the bank republicans therefore hold their peace forever—Their 'Mecca' is at Hartford—let them pay their devotions at their own shrine—we will not disturb them. Do they insist that they compose the exclusive "decency and wealth and talents"—Very well. Do they boast that their cause is identified with that of the British nobility and gentry—as you please gentlemen. Do they claim to be the aristocracy—admitted. We give them all they ask—but our birth right, the Bank has no mess of potage that will buy that.